

Current Events IN REVIEW

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Olympic Games Formally Opened in Berlin
WITH spectacular ceremony the Olympic Games were officially opened in Berlin when a graceful runner bearing the Olympic flame that had been started from Greece dashed into the stadium, lowered the silver torch before Reichsbanner Hitler and knelted the flame in a great cauldron. Then came the formal part of the ceremony, the athletes of fifty nations, natively uniformed and marching in platoons, placed their straw hats on the ground and marched by the eyes right. Nor was the American flag dipped before the torch, the explanation being that this was done only before the President. The American contingent was greeted by an outburst of whistling which the knowledge of the American flag was the cause of. But on the whole the affair was decidedly successful.

In the first day of the games the United States started things with a rush. Jesse Owens, Ohio State's world record holder in the 100-meter dash, won his first gold medal in the 100-meter dash, and the American flag was hoisted to the top of the stadium. In some other events the Americans did well, and in yet others they were eliminated.

In the 100 meter finals Owens won and Metcalfe of Chicago was second. Helen Stephens of Missouri, in winning two heats of the women's 100 meter dash, broke the world record both times.

By a vote of 36 to 27 Tokyo won the Olympic games for 1940. Japan, being the losing bidder. The Americans, South American and the British empire were virtually solid for Japan, which offered a transportation subsidy of about \$400,000 off the cost of traveling in the Far East. The Finns urged that the games be returned to a Spartan simplicity.

Lewis and Alfies Absent
When A. F. L. Council Meets JOHN L. LEWIS, head of the United Mine Workers, and his 11 associates on the Committee for Industrial Organization, made good their promise not to be present when the executive council of the American Federation of Labor met to try them on charges of "insurrection." Lewis and Alfies were plainly angered by this refusal, and it was predicted they would proceed to find the defendants guilty "in absentia" and to suspend the unions in the Lewis group. This would be the greatest split in the ranks of American organized labor since the federation was formed fifty years ago. It would mean the loss of about one-third of the federation's membership.

Previous to the meeting of the council President William Green in an impassioned speech accused Lewis and his followers of substituting "jungle law" for democracy in their efforts to organize the steel industry. He said he was prepared to make any personal sacrifice, even to resigning his office, to bring about peace and "bind up the wounds."

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The case originated in a clash between Nationalists and police last October in which several persons were slain. Following this, Col. E. Francis Higgins, chief of insular police, was murdered, presumably in revenge for the killing of Nationalists in the October fight.

New Locarno Pact May Give Europe Security
WHILE the nations of Europe were worrying over the Spanish rebellion and the danger that might bring about open rupture among the Fascist and anti-Fascist governments, the Locarno Pact was taken to assure peace. Germany and Italy accepted the invitation of Great Britain, France and Belgium to participate in a conference this fall from the League of Nations to discuss the Locarno Pact will emerge.

No date for the conference has been set, but it was expected to be held either just before or soon after the meeting of the league of nations assembly in Geneva in September.

Zionism Does Not Seek Re-election to Congress
HARRISON T. Washington who has to get along without the excitement provided by the attack of Martin A. Zimmels of Seattle, Wash. That eccentric-to the public mind, gentleman, has been elected to the United States senate from the state of Washington. He is not a candidate for re-election, because of his mother's ill health, and says he wants to be America's forgotten man. Zionism has settled down to private law practice.

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Smaller Scale Projects in New PWA Program
EMPHASIS is placed on smaller scale projects to be completed quickly, in the third building program of the public works administration, which was opened by the allotment of \$22,742,034 by President Roosevelt. It includes projects in 37 states, and the largest of these is a courthouse for New York city to cost the government \$4,835,000. The average allotment is only \$84,323.

Secretary Edna F. Wainwright, said that, in addition to 45 per cent donation, PWA will lend \$2,142,000 to help communities defray their 55 per cent share of the cost. President Roosevelt has ordered that all projects be completed by October 1, 1937.

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